

1. **A flexible drag stretcher arranged for storage and transport in a tightly rolled, compact cylindrical storage condition and for unrolling into an operative stretcher condition for protectively securing an injured person positioned in a reclining condition thereon for dragged extrication from the scene of an injury,**
- 5 **the drag stretcher comprising:**
- a) a longitudinally elongated flexible center base panel comprising a longitudinally elongated flexible sheet formed of a selected flexible synthetic thermoplastic resin material and defined by opposite longitudinally head and base ends and opposite lateral side edges, said center base panel having a selected overall**
- 10 **length sufficient to underlie at least the entire length of the head and torso body portion of a person positioned in a reclining condition thereon,**
- b) a longitudinally elongated, flexible side torso flap member associated with each opposite lateral side edge of the center base panel, each flap member comprising a longitudinally elongated sheet formed of a selected, flexible synthetic**
- 15 **thermoplastic resin material and having a longitudinally extending lateral side edge arranged for confronting disposition with a portion of the length of a corresponding lateral side edge of said center base panel, each side torso flap member configured for engaging only the torso body portion of a person positioned in a reclining condition on the underlying center base panel,**
- 20 **c) flexible hinge means for interconnecting said center base panel and said side torso flap members for free pivoting movement of said side torso flap**

members about an axis extending substantially along the confronting edges of said flap members with said lateral side edges of the center base panel, said flexible hinge means also for longitudinally flexible interconnection of said side torso flap members and center base panel permitting rolling of the interconnected center base panel and side flap members in the longitudinal direction and into a tight cylindrical roll condition for storage and transport,

d) flexible torso strap members releasably and adjustably interengaging the opposite side torso flap members for overlying the torso of a person positioned in a reclining condition on the center base panel and for cinchably drawing the opposite side torso flap members toward each other against the sides of the torso of a person to protectively secure the person on the stretcher, and

e) a hand grasp member associated with the longitudinal head end of the center base panel for grasping by a rescuing person to facilitate the dragging of the stretcher with an injured person secured thereon.

2. The drag stretcher of claim 1 wherein said flexible hinge means includes lengths of flexible cord material connecting the center base panel and each side torso flap member together at longitudinally spaced apart positions adjacent to and along the confronting edges of each side torso flap member and the center base panel.

3. The drag stretcher of claim 1 wherein said center base panel has a length selected to position said longitudinal base end adjacent the crotch area of a

person positioned in a reclining condition on the center base panel, and said base
end mounts, intermediate said lateral side edges, one end of a pair of groin straps
5 configured for extension upwardly therefrom between the legs of the person for
releasable connection at their opposite ends to the opposite side torso flap members
whereby to secure a person against longitudinal movement off of the base
longitudinal end of the center base panel during operation of the drag stretcher.

4. The drag stretcher of claim 1 wherein said center base panel has a
selected length sufficient to underlie the entire length of the head, torso body
portion, legs and feet of a person positioned in the reclining position thereon, and
flexible leg strap members are configured to releasably interengage opposite lateral
5 side edges of the center base panel underlying the legs of a person thereon for
overlying and releasably and cinchably securing the legs in position on the center
base panel during operation of the stretcher.